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Permits to ply buses from Cannanore to Taliparamba.

* 859 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the refusal of the Regional Transport Authority, Kozhikode, to grant the applications to issue permits to ply buses from Cannanore to Taliparamba direct; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that a lot of inconvenience is caused to the passengers on either side of the Baliapatam bridge and the distance is about 6 to 7 furlongs, and if so, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of giving permission to ply buses from Cannanore to Taliparamba direct? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, proposals for extension of existing routes of certain buses of Malabar Roadway Service and Jaya Sree Transport, now terminating at Cannanore, from Cannanore to Taliparamba and for extension of the route of the buses at present plying between Taliparamba and Pappinisseri, from Pappinisseri to Cannanore were referred to the Road Transport Officer by the C.R.T. Board to whom reports were submitted by the R.T.O., Kozhikode. Since, however, the power to vary the conditions of permits of stage carriages has since been delegated to the R.T.Os. and since the files regarding the proposals mentioned above were transferred to the R.T.O., Malabar, action has to be taken by the R.T.O., Malabar, afresh, such as publishing a notification, calling for representations from other operators, etc.

" So far as opening of a new route from Cannanore to Taliparamba is concerned no representation has been received. One Sri Kasthuri Kunhappa of Chirakkal has proposed the introduction of a new route between Tellicherry and Taliparamba via Cannanore. The proposal will be considered by the R.T.A., Malabar. Sri Abdurhaman Abdulla Sait has proposed the introduction of new services between Cannanore and Payangadi which is a new route over the Baliapatam bridge. The proposal was considered by the R.T.A. but the subject was adjourned by R.T.A. till the proposals for extension of existing services over the Baliapatam bridge are disposed of. The necessity for introducing new or additional services from Taliparamba to Cannanore will be examined after the proposals for extension of the existing services now terminating at either side of Baliapatam bridge have been disposed of."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it a fact that the Malabar Regional Transport Authority did not recommend fresh permits in order to help monopoly bus-owners who have already got a number of buses in particular areas? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I do not think that is the policy of the Government. During the discussion on the Surcharge Bill, Member after Member got up and said that new permits should not be issued and that the old permits must continue to be in force as otherwise the already meagre profits that they were getting will dwindle."

Construction of a bridge over the Kunderu, Guntur district.

* 860 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a request from the District Board, Guntur, to construct a bridge over the Kunderu passing between Ipurupalem and Thotavaripalem; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter has been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation)-I for report and his reply is awaited."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the fact that the people of the villages are experiencing considerable difficulty in crossing this river, will the Hon. Minister for Public Works look into the matter and do something? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" That is why it has been sent to the Chief Engineer for report."

Grant of subsistence loans to tailors, etc., in Rayalaseema.

* 861 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what grounds tailors, barbers, proprietors of small shaving saloons and masons are excluded from the definition of artisans in the matter of granting subsistence loans in Rayalaseema; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to reconsider the question?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) No subsistence loans are granted by the Government to any village artisan in the famine-stricken areas. If ' Subsistence loans ' refer to the loans granted under the Madras Cottage Industries Loans and Subsidy Rules, 1948, on personal security to village artisans in the famine-stricken areas of Rayalaseema, it is true that tailors, barbers, proprietors of small shaving saloons and masons have been excluded from the scope of the grant of loans as they are not eligible for